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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>1 you keep copies of scientific research relating to the 2 Bair Hugger?</p> <p>3 A. No.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. Where --</p> <p>5 What department is that kept in?</p> <p>6 A. Clinical.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. So Al Van Duren would be the best 8 custodian ultimately responsible for maintaining a 9 collection of scientific literature?</p> <p>10 MR. SMITH: Object to form.</p> <p>11 A. That's correct.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. Now you would agree with me that 13 Arizant has not --</p> <p>14 Well no, let's -- yeah, let's stick with 15 Arizant for this question. Okay?</p> <p>16 A. Okay.</p> <p>17 Q. So am I correct that the time period for 18 Arizant is roughly 2003 to 2010?</p> <p>19 A. That's generally correct, yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 A. Close enough.</p> <p>22 Q. So during that time period, you would agree 23 with me that Arizant has not done any appropriately 24 powered research to prove there is no risk of 25 infection.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 115</p> <p>1 we did any. I guess I'd have to agree with that 2 statement. But I don't know. Again, I'm not an 3 expert in the clinical area to say what it would take 4 to do that."</p> <p>5 Do you remember giving that testimony?</p> <p>6 A. Not specifically, no.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay.</p> <p>8 MS. GARCIA: I'll just object to that as 9 improper impeachment. Again, that's exactly what he 10 just said.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. So what we are talking about now is 12 that when you gave your testimony back in the Johnson 13 case, you would agree with that statement, but you 14 were not the expert; right?</p> <p>15 MR. SMITH: Object to form.</p> <p>16 MS. GARCIA: Join.</p> <p>17 A. I guess at this point I wouldn't --</p> <p>18 Well could you ask the question again? I'm 19 sorry.</p> <p>20 Q. Sure. Sure.</p> <p>21 It would be a fair summary of what your 22 testimony was in the Johnson matter that you would 23 have agreed with the statement given, but you're not 24 the expert.</p> <p>25 MS. GARCIA: Object to form.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 114</p> <p>1 MR. SMITH: Object to form.</p> <p>2 MS. GARCIA: Join.</p> <p>3 A. I would not say that because I don't know 4 that -- I don't know that that's a true statement.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay.</p> <p>6 (Discussion off the stenographic record.)</p> <p>7 Q. Do you remember testifying to me in the 8 Timothy Johnson matter pending in Kansas that you 9 would agree that Arizant has not done any 10 appropriately powered research to prove there is no 11 risk of infection?</p> <p>12 MR. SMITH: Object to form.</p> <p>13 A. I don't remember that. I mean if you show 14 me something, I might be able to refresh my memory, --</p> <p>15 Q. Sure. And how about I --</p> <p>16 A. -- but I -- I don't remember saying that.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. Let me hand you a copy of your 18 deposition that you gave in the Timothy Johnson matter 19 in Kansas, and I would like to direct your attention 20 to page 54, line seven -- sixteen where the question 21 is: "The next sentence states, 'Arizant has not done 22 any appropriately powered research to prove there is 23 no risk of infection,' would you agree or disagree 24 with that statement as of 2008?"</p> <p>25 And then there you said: "I don't know that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 116</p> <p>1 A. At this point I don't feel I'd agree with 2 what I said at that point either, --</p> <p>3 Q. Okay.</p> <p>4 A. -- so --</p> <p>5 Q. So in terms of your testimony regarding 6 whether Arizant has done appropriately powered 7 research, your testimony today is more accurate than 8 your testimony back in the Johnson matter.</p> <p>9 MR. SMITH: Objection to form.</p> <p>10 A. It's --</p> <p>11 I'm evaluating it a little differently, 12 looking at "appropriately powered research" for one 13 thing. I'm in no position to -- then or now to make a 14 determination of what's an appropriately powered 15 research study, so from that standpoint I'd say I'm 16 more accurate today than then.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. And if you needed to make a 18 determination about whether a certain study was 19 appropriately powered, that would be something again 20 you would have to rely on the clinical department.</p> <p>21 A. Correct.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. So in your history with Arizant and 23 continuing into your history with 3M, do you remember 24 anybody from clinical ever advising you that an 25 appropriately powered research project has occurred</p>

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<p>1 with respect to airborne contamination?</p> <p>2 MR. SMITH: Object to the form.</p> <p>3 A. I don't remember anybody telling me we did</p> <p>4 or did not do that, no.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. Do you know sitting here today,</p> <p>6 before the release of the product -- and by "the</p> <p>7 product" I mean the very first Bair Hugger -- was</p> <p>8 there any clinical testing done?</p> <p>9 A. That was before my time at Arizant, so I</p> <p>10 couldn't tell you one way or the other.</p> <p>11 Q. All right. Let's move forward to the Bair</p> <p>12 Hugger 505 model. Do you know if, at the time the 505</p> <p>13 was released, had the company done any internal</p> <p>14 testing with regard to airborne contamination?</p> <p>15 A. None that I can think of.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay.</p> <p>17 A. I don't remember any, no.</p> <p>18 Q. In all of the years that the 505 has been on</p> <p>19 the market, has the company ever done any internal</p> <p>20 testing with regard to airborne contamination?</p> <p>21 MR. SMITH: Object to form.</p> <p>22 A. To my recollection, no, but there were</p> <p>23 multiple clinical studies that had been published</p> <p>24 outside of the company that demonstrated that.</p> <p>25 Q. Correct. And -- and I think one of -- two</p>	<p>1 testing on the Bair Hugger 750 with respect to</p> <p>2 airborne contamination?</p> <p>3 A. I was not aware of any. That didn't mean it</p> <p>4 wasn't done, but I wasn't aware of any, no.</p> <p>5 MS. GARCIA: I'm sorry. Can I have that</p> <p>6 question back?</p> <p>7 (Record read by the court reporter.)</p> <p>8 MS. GARCIA: Thank you.</p> <p>9 Q. When you were making decisions about</p> <p>10 ensuring a product that goes out into the field is</p> <p>11 safe or effective, do you not want to see confirmation</p> <p>12 of internal testing for airborne contamination?</p> <p>13 MS. GARCIA: Object to the form of the</p> <p>14 question.</p> <p>15 MR. SMITH: Object to form.</p> <p>16 A. I'm sorry, could you repeat it?</p> <p>17 Q. Sure.</p> <p>18 A. I'm sorry.</p> <p>19 Q. When it comes to your job responsibilities</p> <p>20 of making sure that this product is safe for the</p> <p>21 patients it will be used on, do you not want to see</p> <p>22 internal testing with regards to airborne</p> <p>23 contamination?</p> <p>24 A. I don't know that I want to see specifically</p> <p>25 the testing. I would like to have an understanding if</p>
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<p>1 of those we looked at today were Hall and Zink;</p> <p>2 correct?</p> <p>3 A. Correct.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. And so you know about studies that</p> <p>5 were performed on the Bair Hugger 500 unit; right?</p> <p>6 A. Correct.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. Do you know of any studies that were</p> <p>8 performed on the Bair Hugger 505 unit?</p> <p>9 A. I don't, no.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. Do you know of any studies that were</p> <p>11 performed on the Bair Hugger 750 unit?</p> <p>12 Excuse me. Let me actually rephrase.</p> <p>13 Do you know of any studies performed on the</p> <p>14 Bair Hugger 750 unit by someone outside of Arizant?</p> <p>15 A. I don't know of any, no.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay.</p> <p>17 A. I mean --</p> <p>18 Q. With regard to the development of and sale</p> <p>19 of the 750, do you know if, prior to the sale of the</p> <p>20 750, the company did any internal testing with regard</p> <p>21 to airborne contamination?</p> <p>22 A. I don't know that they did or not, no.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. With regards to after the 750 has</p> <p>24 been sold -- sold up to the time that you left the</p> <p>25 company, do you -- were you aware of any internal</p>	<p>1 there's any concerns.</p> <p>2 Q. Sure.</p> <p>3 A. You know, we --</p> <p>4 There have been no concerns raised with it</p> <p>5 at any point. As a result, you know, it -- I don't</p> <p>6 know of any specific studies that were done, so --</p> <p>7 Q. When you say no concerns were raised, what</p> <p>8 do you mean by that?</p> <p>9 A. Well prior to the allegations raised by Dr.</p> <p>10 Augustine and even up to the point where I was</p> <p>11 involved with the Bair Hugger products, we had never</p> <p>12 received a single report or allegation or request for</p> <p>13 infor -- or I shouldn't say -- but any reports of an</p> <p>14 infection related to the Bair Hugger product.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. But it is very true that you received</p> <p>16 numerous concerns about the potential for airborne</p> <p>17 contamination.</p> <p>18 A. We received questions after there were</p> <p>19 published articles. I wouldn't suggest that they were</p> <p>20 concerns more than questions about it.</p> <p>21 Q. Well certainly you were aware that there</p> <p>22 were orthopedic surgeons who were refusing to use the</p> <p>23 Bair Hugger because of the potential for airborne</p> <p>24 contamination.</p> <p>25 A. I heard that there was --</p>